

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-5. (Withdrawn)

6. (Currently Amended) A digital still camera comprising:

a photographing section which converts an optical image into an electric signal;

a recording section which records a dynamic image obtained by the photographing section as a dynamic image file in a storage medium;

a reproduction section which reproduces the dynamic image recorded by the recording section;

a display section which displays the dynamic image reproduced by the reproduction section;

a touch panel which is disposed to cover a display surface of the display section and by which a user's instruction is inputted;

a detection section which detects a tracing operation by a user on the touch panel; and

a control section which judges a direction and speed of the tracing operation detected by the detection section and which determines a reproduction process in accordance with the direction and speed to control dynamic image reproduction by the reproduction section,

wherein when a touch operation in which the position does not change is detected following the tracing operation detected by the detection section, the control

section continues to execute the process in accordance with the direction and speed while detecting the touch operation, and when the touch operation is not detected, the control section cancels the process in accordance with the direction and speed.

7. (Original) The digital still camera according to claim 6, wherein the control section executes one of fast forward and rewind reproduction of the dynamic image in response to a long and fast tracing operation in a horizontal direction on the touch panel.

8. (Original) The digital still camera according to claim 6, wherein the control section executes one of slow reproduction and slow reverse reproduction of the dynamic image in response to a long and slow tracing operation in a horizontal direction on the touch panel.

9. (Original) The digital still camera according to claim 6, wherein the control section executes one of double-speed reproduction and double-speed reverse reproduction of the dynamic image in response to a short and fast tracing operation in a horizontal direction on the touch panel.

10. (Original) The digital still camera according to claim 6, wherein the control section executes one of frame feed reproduction and reverse frame feed reproduction of the dynamic image in response to a short and slow tracing operation in a horizontal direction on the touch panel.

11. (Original) The digital still camera according to claim 6, wherein the control section cancels the process being executed in accordance with the direction and speed to execute standard dynamic image reproduction in response to touch input in one arbitrary point on the touch panel for a short time.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera according to claim 6 42, wherein the control section controls the reproduction section so as to continuously execute the ~~reproduction~~ process in accordance with the direction and speed, after the ~~reproduction~~ process in accordance with the direction and speed is started by the reproduction section and while the touch operation in the arbitrary position on the touch panel is detected by the detection section.

14. (Original) The digital still camera according to claim 6, wherein at the time of standard dynamic image reproduction, the control section temporarily stops the standard dynamic image reproduction being executed in response to touch input in one arbitrary point on the touch panel for a short time, and reproduces a still image corresponding to a temporary stop position on the dynamic image file.

15. (Withdrawn)

16. (Currently Amended) A user instruction input method of inputting a user's instruction in a digital still camera including:

a photographing section which converts an optical image into an electric signal; a recording section which records a dynamic image obtained by the photographing section as a dynamic image file in a storage medium;

a reproduction section which reproduces the dynamic image recorded by the recording section;

a display section which displays the dynamic image reproduced by the reproduction section; and a touch panel which is disposed to cover a display surface of the display section and by which the user's instruction is inputted, the reproduction

section including at least one reproduction function of fast forward/rewind reproduction, slow reproduction/slow reverse reproduction, double-speed reproduction/double-speed reverse reproduction, and frame feed reproduction/reverse frame feed reproduction of the dynamic image, the method comprising:

detecting a tracing operation by a user on the touch panel; and

judging a direction and speed of the detected tracing operation and determining the reproduction function in accordance with the direction and speed to control the dynamic image reproduction by the reproduction section,

wherein the controlling of the dynamic reproduction includes: when a touch operation in which the position does not change is detected following the detected tracing operation, continuing to execute a process in accordance with the direction and speed while detecting the touch operation; and

when the touch operation is not detected, canceling the reproduction process in accordance with the direction and speed.

17. (Cancelled)